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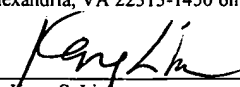
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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.